

NPWG 2/2/23

Notes from CL

Agenda item 1 – Lichfield comms ref 2023 proposal for Roughmoor Lane development

a. Priorities and process

Discussion on whether this item should be prioritised over all other agenda items for this meeting and if so should the NP progress be halted whilst RL discussions are live.

General consensus that any NP progress whilst RL item live will colour all community responses

Agreed this meeting should discuss how best to prepare for a new proposal, brainstorm tactics and refresh evidence already collected.

Considered whether pursuing progress on elements of NP process might help build evidence of value for best outcome for RL. Difficulty is that any community consultation will now be overly influenced by RL proposals. CL identified the importance of the settlement character appraisal carried out by independent consultant for Norton St Philip – cited by inspector as a valuable report. Brief discussion ref the value of an independent assessment of WSM settlement character that would be valuable for RL response and also for future NP.

**Action** CL and SI to pursue how progress on a settlement character appraisal might be commissioned and funded

b. **March Meeting (19/3 4pm – village hall booked)**

Agreement that this date be held as potential community meeting for discussion on RL proposal – assuming Lichfields have presented effectively by then.

c. **Communications**

MDC Planners: Three key comms:

- Lichfield Pre-app – agreed we issue summary of 2022 consultation community views to planners to repeat messages from 2022 and inform their response at pre-app.
- Ensure MDC are aware of methodology of local community consultation being proposed. A short virtual presentation not acceptable and PC have communicated – MDC to be made aware of progress
- Make sure MDC planners are aware of Church of Eng “Coming Home “ report and its intent

**Action** – **CL to write** to MDC (Andre Sestini repeating summary messages. **SI to write to MDC as PC** ref consultation methods proposed by Lichfields ?? to contact bishop

Church Commissioner Comms:

Agreed that NPWG should ensure parallel comms with agents, church commissioner and Church of England.

**Action:** SI to chase Jay Greene ref coming home practices. Also SI to chase Lichfield and seek effective consultation with village

- Seek urgent response from Jay Greene (and ask where examples of Coming Home is being put into practice).
- Consider making contact with Bishop of Bath & Wells to engage support for local community consultation
- Chase Lichfields for proposal for effective consultation

#### WsM Community Comms:

PC to repeat previously held positions on RL (?) (RW / SI?) My notes refer to three key “conditions” to RL development - including satisfactory layout design / pedestrian safety; PC will argue for best design; PC will advise and support those who want to stop.

NPWG to issue comms to community informing them of upcoming proposals, backburner for NP and the NPWG role to coordinate and facilitate discussions - and suggest hold March meeting date for village discussion

**Action** – **Next PC meet to agree** position statement (??) .**NPWG to write** comms to community informing of new proposal / consultation / march 19<sup>th</sup> meet

#### d. Data

Review of data collected and agreed this accessed and refreshed / reviewed in readiness to support response. Data collections may well need boosting. These include:

- ✓ Photos showing landscape / setting – Looking up to AONB, looking down from AONB, views from houses on Stoneleigh / Roughmoor Lane
- ✓ Photos showing housing estate design – what we don’t want, what we do want. Review this taken last year by Ellie
- ✓ Traffic Data – A lot of good data collected, review and refresh. Check if this included robust data on traffic types and numbers out of Roughmoor Lane
- ✓ Survey results – Online / meetings feedback

**Action** ?? **to review** and arrange additional photos of landscape, house design; ?? **to collate** traffic data / check RL traffic types / suggest ways to boost if required **MF to review** survey data / meeting feedback

#### e. Tactics

Brainstorm of relevant planning arguments / tactics to evidence / set up task group to progress. These need to include:

- ✓ Ecology studies – using local expertise / SERC records (John Bull, Simon Reece)
- ✓ Archaeology / Heritage –
- ✓ Drainage – Phosphates and SUDS (Emma Gifford?)
- ✓ Sewage Works – discharge / capacity
- ✓ Court Farm land - local plan states this site as being inside allocated site. Seek for this to be upheld and therefore farm site should not bring additional housing to RL land allocation

- ✓ Pedestrian crossing. RW suggested PC write to SCC ref how a pedestrian crossing might be achieved
- ✓ Social Housing Advocacy – getting the best for the village. Need a champion
- ✓ Settlement Character Appraisal

**Action.** MF and CL to delegate the tactics list to relevant leads